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Establishment of an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 adopted by the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015,

Recalling also that the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, financing for development, climate change and disaster risk reduction provide the international community with a unique opportunity to enhance coherence across policies, institutions, goals, indicators and measurement systems for implementation, while respecting the respective mandates, and that ensuring credible links, as appropriate, between these processes will contribute to building resilience and achieving the global goal of eradicating poverty,

Noting the initiative of the Secretary-General to hold the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2016 and its possible contributions to disaster risk reduction,

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group comprising experts nominated by States and supported by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, for the development of a set of possible indicators to measure global progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, coherent with the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators;

2. *Also decides* that the working group shall consider, as appropriate, the recommendations of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction on the update of the publication "2009 UNISDR Terminology on Disaster Risk Reduction";

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3. *Affirms* that the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group shall be guided by the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* that the work of the working group shall be completed by December 2016 and its report submitted to the General Assembly for consideration;

5. *Also decides* that the working group shall:

(a) Hold three formal sessions, at the United Nations Office at Geneva, including one session in 2015 and two sessions in 2016, each session lasting two days, and additional informal sessions as needed;

(b) Decide on its calendar and programme of work by consensus at its first meeting;

(c) Develop its outcome through consensus;

6. *Decides* that physical participation at meetings will be self-funded, with support provided to developing countries through voluntary contributions made to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction trust fund, and in this regard urges international and bilateral donors, as well as donors in the private sector, financial institutions and foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the meetings of the working group, with priority given to the least developed countries and small island developing States, including coverage of economy-class air tickets, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses;

7. *Encourages* relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, to make contributions, as appropriate, to the work of the working group;

8. *Reiterates* its strong encouragement of and the need for effective coordination and coherence, as appropriate, among intergovernmental processes, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the post-2015 development agenda and other relevant processes in order to build synergies.